

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVEN CHERRY,

Defendant.

Case No. 18-03125-01-CR-S-MDH

MOTION FOR DETENTION

Comes now the United States of America, by and through Timothy A. Garrison, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, and hereby moves this Court to order the detention of the defendant, **STEVEN CHERRY**, and states the following in support of the motion:

1. An indictment has been filed charging the defendant with receipt and distribution of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(1) and (b)(1).
2. Title 18, United States Code, Section 3142(f) provides, in pertinent part, that hearing must be held by the appropriate judicial officer to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions “will reasonably assure the appearance of such person as required and the safety of any other person and the community” if the attorney for the Government moves for such a hearing and the case involves:

“(E) any felony that is not otherwise a crime of violence that involves a minor victim... .”

3. Title 18, United States Code, Section 3142(e) mandates, subject to rebuttal, “it shall be presumed that no conditions or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of a person as required and the safety of the community if the judicial officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that there is probable cause to believe that the person committed—(E) an offense involving a minor victim under section 2252(a)(2)... of this title.”
4. The defendant was apprehended after confessing that he was accessing child pornography via the Internet.
5. The defendant is a convicted sex offender, with a prior conviction for first degree child molestation involving an eight-year-old female.
6. The defendant acknowledged that he has been viewing child pornography since completing his sex offender training course in 2010.
7. This case involves a minor victim. See 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(1).
8. The evidence against the defendant is overwhelming. See 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(2).

Wherefore, based upon the foregoing, the United States submits that there is clear and convincing evidence that there are no conditions which the Court could place upon the defendant that would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance in Court and the safety of the community. The Government therefore requests that a detention hearing be held and that the defendant be detained pending trial of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was delivered on December 10, 2018, to the CM-ECF system of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for electronic delivery to all counsel of record.

/s/ James J. Kelleher

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